

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (new): A container stopper comprising a core formed of an elastic material and having a liquid-contact surface and an outer peripheral surface continuous with the liquid-contact surface coated with a skin made of a synthetic resin,

wherein said skin is a skin made of one of a polyester resin and a synthetic resin having a polyester resin as a main component thereof,

and the skin is bonded to the liquid-contact surface and the outer peripheral surface of said core through a bonding layer.

Claim 15 (new): The container stopper as defined in claim 14, wherein said skin is a skin made of polyethylene terephthalate.

Claim 16 (new): The container stopper as defined in claim 15, wherein said bonding layer is a polyethylene bonding layer.

Claim 17 (new): A container stopper comprising a core formed of an elastic material and having a liquid-contact surface and an outer peripheral surface continuous with the liquid-contact surface coated with a skin made of a synthetic resin,

wherein said skin is a skin made of one of a polyester resin and a synthetic resin having a polyester resin as a main component thereof, and said core is formed of a synthetic resin having elasticity, said skin being bonded to the liquid-contact surface and the outer peripheral surface of the core by thermal adhesion.

Claim 18 (new): The container stopper as defined in claim 14, wherein said skin is bonded in a stretched state to said core.

Claim 19 (new): The container stopper as defined in claim 18, wherein part of an outer surface of said skin located on the outer peripheral surface of said core is coated with at least one of silicone and silicone oil.

Claim 20 (new): The container stopper as defined in claim 19, wherein a lubricant is added to said at least one of silicone and silicone oil.

Claim 21 (new): The container stopper as defined in claim 20, wherein said lubricant is at least one of substances selected from fatty acid amides, polyhydric alcohol fatty acid esters and their derivatives, particulate polyethylene lubricants, and silicone particles.

Claim 22 (new): The container stopper as defined in claim 19, wherein the part of the outer surface of said skin located on the outer peripheral surface of said core and coated with said at least one of silicone and silicone oil is surface-treated.

Claim 23 (new): A method of manufacturing a container stopper comprising a core formed of an elastic material and having a liquid-contact surface and an outer peripheral surface continuous with the liquid-contact surface coated with a skin made of a synthetic resin, wherein a synthetic resin film of one of a polyester resin and a synthetic resin having a polyester resin as a main component thereof is used as said skin, the resin film is stretched, and said core is press-fit in a heated state for extension, the resin film and the liquid-contact surface and the outer peripheral surface of said core being bonded through a bonding layer.

Claim 24 (new): The container stopper manufacturing method as defined in claim 23, wherein one of a synthetic resin film of a polyester resin and a synthetic resin having a polyester resin as a main component thereof and having a skin-side adhesion forming layer bonded to an inner surface thereof is used as said skin, and a core having a core-side adhesion forming layer bonded to a liquid-contact surface and an outer peripheral surface thereof is used as said core, said skin-side and core-side adhesion forming layers being integrated by thermal fusion to form said bonding layer.

Claim 25 (new): The container stopper manufacturing method as defined in claim 24, wherein said skin-side and core-side adhesion forming layers are polyethylene layers.

Claim 26 (new): The container stopper manufacturing method as defined in claim 24, wherein one of a synthetic resin film of a polyester resin and a synthetic resin having a polyester resin as a main component thereof and having a skin-side adhesion forming layer of polyethylene bonded to an inner surface thereof by a dry laminate method is used as said skin.

Claim 27 (new): The container stopper as defined in claim 15, wherein said skin is bonded in a stretched state to said core.

Claim 28 (new): The container stopper as defined in claim 16, wherein said skin is bonded in a stretched state to said core.

Claim 29 (new): The container stopper as defined in claim 17, wherein said skin is bonded in a stretched state to said core.